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BLM to Begin Prescribed Burn in Ft. Stanton Area Starting April 19

Roswell, NM – The Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office, will conduct a prescribed burn April 15-21, weather permitting.

The Bull Pasture Prescribed Burn will be conducted on BLM administered lands and will begin at the SW corner of Highway 380 and the Ft. Stanton turn off (junction of Hwys 380 & 214). Fire crews will begin prep work and blackline operations for the burn on Friday, April 15. Tuesday, April 19 is the target date of the main burn. During this time, smoke may be visible from the surrounding communities of Lincoln, Capitan and Ruidoso.

The prescribed burn will include approximately 530 acres of light grass and juniper. The juniper has been thinned and the large fuel wood has been removed by wood cutters.

The burn objectives for the prescribed fire for this week include:

- Increase the health and competitive ability of the native plant community (remove fuel slash from fuel wood cutting),
- Reduce the amount of vegetation available to wildfire (Hazardous Fuel Reduction for public and firefighter safety),
- Reduce exotic and invasive species (juniper).

Roads will be posted with the information signs within the vicinity of each burn.

For further information contact the Bureau of Land Management 2909 West 2nd Street, Roswell, NM 88201 or call the Pecos Valley Dispatch at (505) 627-0301.

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